GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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SOFT DRINKS/VICKS VAPORUB INJURIOUS FOR HEALTH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the soft drinks manufactured by Pepsi Cola/Coca Cola companies and Vicks Vaporub manufactured by Colgate Company are injurious to health;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government had imposed any conditions while granting licences to these multinational companies;

(d) whether these multi-national companies are violating the said conditions and thereby playing with the health of the public; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) No report has been received by Government to indicate that products like soft drinks being manufactures by Pepsi Cola /Coca Cola companies or Vicks Vaporub are injurious to health. Vicks Vaporub is a product of M/s Proctor & Gamble & not of M/s Colgate.

(c) The statutory requirements and appropriate standards of quality required to be maintained by each manufacturer of soft drinks is normally ensured when granting license under FPO 1955.Similarly manufacturers of drugs are also required to comply with prescribed standards of GMP before license for manufacture under Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1940 and Rules thereunder is given.

(d) No such instances of violation of licensing conditions have come to the notice of Government.

(e) Does not arise in view of `d` above.